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General News.

Woman suffrage was defeated in the lower house of the Vermont legislature.

The fastest pacer in the world, John R. Gentry, sold for $19,900 in New York last week.

The post office and one store at Howe were looted by burglars one night last week.

An old merchant had the top of his head blown off by robbers at Rockdale, Texas, Friday.

Congressmen-elect Giles of the first Missouri district died last week.

Col. Fred Grant called on Mrs. Jefferson Davis at her hotel in St. Louis last week to pay his respects.

Miss Mamie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arch Cochran, was married to Harry Early in Dallas last week.

Locomotive firemen Montemayer was ground to a pulp by his engine near Laredo, Texas, last week.

Recently Rev. Richard S. Storrs celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his pastorate of the church of the Pilgrims in New York city.

There was an unusual sale of whiskey at Cincinnati Thursday. 1141 barrels or double the usual daily amount of sales were put out.

The Dallas county tax roll has been received by the comptroller. The total valuation is $31,975,550 a decrease of $1,350,550 for the year.

Frank P. Arbuckle, a prominent Colorado politician, was found in a dying condition in the weeds of a vacant lot in New York city last week.

Thirty people, 3000 bales of cotton and hundreds of tons of heavy timber, all went down in one loud crash at the Central railroad compress in Memphis on the 19th. Several of the men were fatally injured.

At San Francisco last Thursday J. H. Childs was killed by John Miller while trying to prevent the latter from killing Miss Nellie Ryan.

President Cleveland has made a personal plea for the commutation of the death sentence of S. D. Worden to the governor of California. Worden is under sentence for train wrecking.

Joe Bailey will likely contest with Richard P. Bland for the democratic candidacy for speaker of the next house. This is an empty honor as the republicans have 30 majority.

Jack Shields Dead.

Jack Shields, one of the Texas giants, died at his home in South Greenville at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning after an illness of several days. The cause of his death was diabetis.

There is no man in Texas, probably, who is better known the United States over than Jack Shields. He has been in nearly every town of any size in the country, standing before thousands and thousands of people every day, and where he is not known in person he is known by reputation. Standing 7 feet 4 inches in his stocking feet, he ranked easily with the tall men of the world and was considered a valuable attraction by P. T. Barnum, with whose show he traveled for several seasons.

Jack with three of his brothers all of them being about equal in stature, were with Barnum's and other shows for five seasons, and as the four Texas giants they attracted universal attention. Jack was also one of the leading attractions of a Broadway, New York, museum for six months.

Becoming tired of show life the brothers quit the business and all settled down in Texas, Jack engaging in farming near Kingston until a year or two ago when he moved to Greenville. Joe, one of his brothers, is engaged in business at Ladonia, another has a show of his own, and Frank is one of the public weighers of Hunt county.—Leonard Graphic.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Of Men Whom Our Citizenship Have Laureled With Wreaths of Trust And Honor.

M. G. Abernathy, judge.
W. S. Coffey, sheriff.
Jno. A. Walden, Clerk.
E. R. Hall, district clerk.
T. F. Mangum, attorney.
F. E. P. Shrader, assessor.
A. W. Knighton, collector.
J. C. Saunders, treasurer.
W. W. Shepherd, supt. of schools
W. M. Shirley, surveyor.
J. R. Gough, state senator.
F. E. Wilcox, representative,
J. F. Vaughn, representative.

As a result of the recent election a partial change has been made in the personal of the official family resident in the court house at McKinney, and as it is always interesting to an intelligent constituency to know something of the individuals who serve them in capacities of trust and honor, THE DEMOCRAT presents to its readers the following short biographical sketches for their perusal and information. While the functions of the offices of state senator and representatives are not exercised here, but at the state capital we give also brief mention of the gentlemen filling those positions, as they will be probably of as much interest as the others.

COUNTY JUDGE.

M. G. Abernathy, county judge, was born in Marshall county, Mississippi, in 1854 and is consequently but 42 years old. His education was acquired in the common schools of his county. Having studied law under his brother, W. M. Abernathy, and preparing himself for the bar he was admitted in 1874 to practice. In 1876 he came to Collin county, which has been his home since. Becoming the democratic nominee for county judge in 1888 he defeated Judge M. W. Johnson for reelection to that office. On the 3rd inst he was reelected to his fifth consecutive term by a majority of 1673 over Hon. Tom Andrews. During his long service as county judge he has surrounded himself with a large following of enthusiastic admirers. In politics the judge is an ardent democrat, his voice being heard on the hustings in every campaign in support of his party. Mr. Abernathy is a brother of W. M. Abernathy, one of the leading attorneys of the McKinney bar. He is happily married and has five children.

SHERIFF.

J. L. Moulden, the retiring sheriff, was born in Arkansas in 1844, and came to Collin county before the late war. Enlisting in Fitzhugh's regiment he entered that bloody struggle between the states and fought valiantly as a private for his beloved Southland. He married and settled at Murphy in southeast Collin where he now has a fine farm and country home, and engaged extensively in stock raising. He never held office, before being elected sheriff in 1892, except a local deputyship which he held under nearly every sheriff since the war. After a spirited contest he defeated ex-Sheriff Gabe Beck in the democratic primary of 1892 and was elected by a majority of 1700 over Todd Warden, independent, at the ensuing election. A renomination was unanimously given him by his party two years later and he received a majority of 2300 over his populist opponent. He did not seek a renomination and will return at once with his family to the farm. Mr. Moulden is a member of the Christian church, a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias.

W. S. Coffey, the newly elected sheriff, was born in Russell, Kentucky, and came to the Lone Star state in 1853. Upon coming to Texas he settled eight miles south of McKinney. At the beginning of the war he enlisted in Polignach's brigade and served through out the war. In 1884 he was elected commissioner for district No. 1 and served two consecutive terms. He has held papers as local deputy under every sheriff of the county since the war and during his predecessor's two terms was riding deputy. He married Miss Sarah E. Lucas who died in 1892, and is the father of eight children. Mr. Coffey received the democratic nomination last June for sheriff and was elected on the 3d inst. by a majority of 2526 over A. H. McCarty, populist. He is a member of the Christian church and a Mason. Mr. Coffey fully appreciates the intricate and arduous duties devolving upon him in assuming the responsibility of the county's chief executive office and humbly asks the cordial support of all law-abiding and law respecting people of the county in discharging the important functions of the high trust,

COUNTY CLERK.

John A. Walden, the present incumbent, was also re-elected at the recent election and now enters on his second term. He was born in the state of Mississippi 46 years ago and came to Texas in 1870—settling the same year near Wylie in Collin county. He farmed several years and then engaged in merchandising at Wylie in which he was engaged in 1894 when elected to his present office. He has always been a democrat and made the race for the nomination of county clerk in his party primaries in '92, '94 and '96. The first time being defeated by J. W. Waddill whom he in turn defeated two years later. He was elected by a big majority in 1894 and in last June's primary had no opponent. His election followed at the polls this month by a majority of 2269 votes. Mr. Walden is married and has a family of eight children. In religion he is a Methodist, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternity. As an official he is accommodating and obliging and has many staunch friends throughout the county.

DISTRICT CLERK.

W. T. Cox, the retiring district court clerk, was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, in 1847 and before he was 16 years of age entered the confederate service. In 1867 he came to Texas, settling 5 miles north-west of McKinney and engaged in farming. In 1878 was elected commissioner of district No. 1 and served one term, not seeking re-election. In 1882 he was the successful aspirant for clerk of the district court and was re-elected two years later. In 1886 the Collin county democrats were successful and Mr. Cox, being the regular democratic nominee, was defeated by W. M. Barron. During Cleveland's first administration Mr. Cox was postmaster at McKinney. He again became the nominee of his party in 1892 and this time defeated Mr. Barron, his successful opponent in 1886, and was again re-elected to a fourth term two years later. Mr. Cox's long public career in various capacities and service as postmaster at the county capital has brought him constantly in contact with the people of Collin county and served to give him an unusually extensive acquaintance. He has made a good official and retires from office with the full confidence of his people. Mr. Cox and his wife reside in McKinney. They have four children, all married, one son, Walter C. of Fort Sill, Indian Territory; and three daughters, Mesdames George Murphy of Sulphur Springs; Jno. A. Bryan of Chambersville; and Will Neathery of Farmersville. Mr. Cox is a Mason and a member of the Christian church.

The people of Collin county have chosen to serve them in this official capacity one of her native-born sons. Elijah R. Hall who was recently elected as a democrat by a majority of 2496 over his populist opponent, first saw light of day in the city of McKinney 35 years ago, and was born and reared within our county's confines. He is a son of the late A. J. Hall and has numerous relatives throughout the county. He was educated in the public schools and at the Masonic school of Grapevine, Tarrant county. Farming and school teaching has been his dual occupation save brief intervals spent as a deputy in the tax assessor's office. Mr. Hall is an affable young gentleman of pleasing address and we predict will make a most efficient, accommodating district court clerk. A wife and four little children form his family circle. He is a member of the Christian church and belongs to no secret orders.

TAX ASSESSOR.

The retiring tax assessor, Mr. J. F. Chandler, was born near Chambersville, this county, in 1866 and is the son of Albert Chandler. He was educated in the district school of his community and spent two years at Central college, Sulphur Springs. Mr. Chandler is a farmer and never asked for office save the unexpired term of his brother, R. S. Chandler, who died in August 1895. He was appointed to this vacancy by the commissioners' court Sept. 11, 1895, and did not ask to be continued in the office upon its expiration. He was married in March, 1895, to Miss Halie Bryan, daughter of J. M. Bryan of Chambersville, and leaves office to reengage in farming—his chosen avocation.

The new tax assessor, F. E. P. Shrader, better known as Fount Shrader, is probably the youngest man ever elected to fill a county office in Collin, being only 25 years of age. He is a native of Carroll county, Arkansas. In 1874 when he was only three years old his parents moved to Parker, this county, where they resided two year and then moved to Lebanon. Fount attended the public schools of his community until 16 years old when the care of his mother and family devolved upon him by the death of his father, the late G. H. Shrader. In 1894 he made a very flattering race in the democratic primary for the nomination of assessor. In last spring's primary, after a vigorous contest with several opponents in the field, he easily won first honors and was subsequently elected at the polls this month by a majority of 2,730. Two years ago Fount moved with his mother to McKinney and engaged in merchandising. He is one of a family of twelve children—six brothers and five sisters. They are J. B. Shrader, serving his fifth term as trustee of Coffey county, Tennessee—an office corresponding to the offices of tax collector and treasurer here; W. H. Shrader, merchant and postmaster of Rock Hill, this county; Rev. H. P. Shrader, Methodist minister stationed at Smithfield, Tex.; G. W. (Buck) Shrader, a commercial traveller; Alderman J. K. P. Shrader of this city and D. B. Shrader also of McKinney. The sisters are, Mrs. Howell of Childers, Tex., Mrs. Tarpley and Mrs. Dr. Matthers of Rock Hill, Mrs. J. B. Rogers of McKinney and Mrs. A. E. Early of Lebanon. Mr. Shrader enters upon his term of office with many friends and well wishers both within and without the pale of his party affiliation, and with a propitious future lying out before him.

TAX COLLECTOR.

A. W. Knighton, of Farmersville, is the gentleman called to the responsible position of tax collector of this great and rich county. He was born in Randolph county, Ga., forty years ago and came to Texas at the age of twenty-five. After residing in other parts of the state six years he settled in Collin near Celina, in 1871, where he remained another six years; then moving near Farmersville, where he continued to reside until 1894, when he moved to McKinney. Farming is his vocation though engaging at times in various other pursuits. He has never held any other office but the city marshalship of Farmersville to which he was elected three successive terms, the last one without opposition. In 1894 he was nominated after a close contest with Mr. Yancy Powell by the democratic party for the office of tax collector and was elected at the ensuing election without opposition. So satisfactory was his administration that he was again renominated this year, this time without opposition, and again made the race at the polls without an opponent. Mr. Knighton has a happy home circle consisting of a wife and four bright children. He is a member of the Baptist church, a Mason and a K. of P.

TREASURER.

B. H. Oates, retiring county treasurer, was born in Georgia and is 56 years of age. In 1844 he went to Cass county, Texas, where he remained ten years and thence came to Collin after residing another ten years in Wise county; coming here in 1866. Mr. Oates was a gallant confederate soldier during the late war; serving most of the time as a lieutenant in the 14th Texas cavalry. He served as constable in Wise county and one term as marshal of McKinney, not trying for reelection. He was a deputy under Sheriffs Beck, Phillips and Moulden, and was severely wounded while in the discharge of his duties, Mar. 21, 1892, by a desperate character named Hobbs whom he was trying to arrest. By this wound Mr. Oates was rendered a cripple for life. In 1894 he was nominated and elected treasurer by the democratic party to which he has always given allegiance. He is a member of the Baptist church, a Mason and a Knight of Honor. He has a wife and nine living children.

J. C. Saunders, the new treasurer, was born in Macon county, Georgia, in 1853 and came to Texas in 1878. He was educated in the common schools of his state and chose pedagogy as his profession. He has taught various schools in the county since first coming to the state and was always eminently successful in advancing his pupils and in giving general satisfaction to patrons. He was twice elected justice of the peace of precinct No. 8 and made his home at Blue Ridge while holding this office. Receiving the democratic nomination for treasurer in the primary last June he was victorious with the rest of his ticket in the county at the polls, receiving a majority of 2746 over his opponent. Mr. Saunders is married and the father of five children. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist church.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The honor of official head of our county's great educational interests has twice mantled the shoulders of Prof. W. W. Shepherd, who was recently elected without opposition from without or within his own party lines, to the responsible position. Prof. Shepherd is 43 years old and a native of Tennessee. He received the rudiments of an education at the district schools after which he entered the state normal university of Kentucky, graduating from the same in the class of '79. Coming to Texas in 1880 he engaged in teaching in various portions of Collin county since, excepting four years of the time he taught in Dallas. He never sought nor held office other than the one he is now filling, and is devotedly attached to teaching—his life's chosen profession. While having been nominated by the democrats he is by no means a partisan and takes pardonable pride in discharging his official duties without political bias or party prejudice. Prof. Shepherd is married and has five little children. He is a member of the Methodist church, and an Odd Fellow. Out of a total vote of of about 9600 he received 9378 at the recent election.

SURVEYOR.

W. M. Shirley who was re-elected county surveyor was born near Melissa and is 28 years of age. He attended the public schools until he entered the A. &

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N. B. McCormick, Kansas.
Jerry Simpson, Kansas.
Samuel Maxwell, Nebraska.
Wm. L. Stark, Nebraska.
R. D. Sutherland, Nebraska.
Wm. L. Greene, Nebraska.
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WINTER is here and millions of poor people in the United States are unprepared for it. This is food for thought.

PROF. C. VINCENT is now editor and proprietor of the American Nonconformist at Indianapolis Ind.

SOME of the populist reform papers are advocating the nomination of Bryan and Watson in 1900.

As a result of an election banter the Bryan club of Wichita Kansas, marched behind the McKinley club at the republican ratification meeting.

LAST Sunday the tabulated statement of the Texas vote in the Dallas News was as follows: Culberson 276,296; Kearby 223,219; Culberson leads Bryan 6,402 votes.

COERCION and bribery is not confined to one party. Texas politics furnishes audacious examples in that line.

THE man who in the first battle of reform throws down his gun and runs is an enemy and his absence is a blessing.

COL. Fred Grant, son of Gen. U. S. Grant, called on Mrs. Jefferson Davis and her daughter, Winnie, at St. Louis last week.

THE vote for Governor as reported in Wednesday's Dallas News is Cuberson, 272,421; Kearby, 227,442. Culberson's plurality 44,979. Total vote 499,863.

EX-SENATOR John J. Ingalls of Kansas says that he made many speeches for the republican party in Kansas, but in vain. His speeches fell on deaf ears. "Populism was rampant," said he, "and it has grievances. The republican party is now on trial and if it fails to fulfill promises its days are numbered."

DR. JOHN GRANT of Sherman, is being vigorously recommended for a position in McKinley's cabinet. The DEMOCRAT is in receipt of a circular letter from Sherman, which is signed by the editor of each paper of that city regardless of politics, urging that all citizens of Texas aid in the work by signing petitions in behalf of Texas and Grant. We feel sure that said petition will receive due consideration by our readers.

Messrs. T. P. Gore, the famous populist orator and his brother, E. E. Gore, the popular and accommodating deputy district clerk under the populist administration, have formed a partnership for the practice of law in Corsicana.—Corsicana Truth.

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Could tell you a great deal about this rough, rugged country, but perhaps you have been out here and know all about it.

Yours truly,
WILL E. GREGORY.

Hon. Jerome C. Kearby.

The district court room was the scene of much interest here last Monday. The case of the state of Texas vs. Turner had been in progress for several days and was being concluded with able argument of attorneys on both sides. The fact that Hon. J. C. Kearby was to close the argument for the defense caused quite a rush of those who were aware of the fact to get front seats to hear the distinguished lawyer and late populist candidate for governor.

When the time arrived for Major Kearby to begin, he arose slowly, deliberately, and seemingly, carelessly, and proceeded to speak in the same manner. It was only a few minutes, however, until he was launched into one of the most able and eloquent arguments ever delivered at the bar of McKinney. Not a link in his case was neglected. The walls of the opposition crumbled like sand before his onslaughts of reason and legal shots. His flashing eyes, his eloquent words, guided by reason and an educated and massive brain engaged the unswerving attention of judge, jury and spectators. His closing words in behalf of his client were almost beyond description. Strong men wept and the universal opinion was that the defendent would be adjudged "not guilty." So was the verdict.

Cross Roads.

In making our first appearance in THE DEMOCRAT as the respresentative of the Cross Roads community it may be necessary to say a few words in regard to the above named place. Cross Roads is just what the name implies—speaking in a geographical sense. But it is more; it is the site of the school house, in the midst of a thrifty, energetic, moral, intelligent people. A people who are liberal in religion, politics and around their own firesides. A people who settled in the wilderness, and who, by honesty, industry and frugality have caused the wilderness to be transformed into happy homes, and the land to blossom as the rose. Here all kinds of religion find a free air, a fertile soil, and a congenial climate; because here religious toleration is a reality. Here we have a school which, we claim, is second to no country school in the county, and our county is second to none in the state. Cross Roads is situated five miles north of Blue Ridge, on the Blue Ridge and Whitewright road.

Our literary opened on Friday night, the 21st inst. under bright auspices. Our old friend, E. C. Forbes, was with us and helped to make the time pass pleasantly to the audience. With him we have fought many a mimic battle on the stage.

Asa Walker's boy continues to thrive and wax strong, and his presence has caused Asa's face to light up and give him a look of twenty years younger.

The people of our community have once more turned their minds from politics to their farms and are again becoming absorbed in the study of a new crop.

OBSERVER.

Cotton growers are having a serious discussion over ties for cotton bales.

Of late the favorite tie has been a flat band of steel, but the trust which controls this tie has raised the price. No fair reason is given for this increase. Southern farmers have begun experiments with wire to see if this cannot be used for ties. It is believed that the wire will answer and that the trust will be forced to reduce its price below former figures.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following is a list of the real estate transfers for the week ending Nov. 21:

Mary E. Whiteside et al to D. E. Ledbetter 11½ acres B. N. Whiteside survey, $1.

Thos. D. Trite to W. M. Loving 2 41-100 a, W. A. S. Bohanon sur, $10.

T. B. Wilson and wife to J. J. Wilson ½ interest in 109 a, Thos. A. Rhodes sur, $750.

John Cook and wife to C. B. Taumberlain 54 a, G. Goodwin sur, $875.

C. B. Touchstone to D. C. Harris. 54 a, G. Goodwin sur, $1200.

J. H. Jackson and wife to J. T. Jenkins 78 a, Chalmers sur, $900.

Stanfield & Dunlap to Andrew Shirley 297 78-100 a, E. W. Lucas and James Sorell surs, $4318.10.

Jim H. Orenduff to H. L. Davis 141 13-100 a, $700.

W. W. Kerr to A. C. & C. T. Lewis quit claim deed.

J. W. Shockley and wife to T. T. Myrick 35 1-5 a, Hardin Wright sur, $700.

R. S. Davis to J. P. Davis interest in 3 tracts, $800.

W. A. Beck to J. R. Beck 10 a, $400.

C. E. Wellsley to Wm. Sachse release 440 a, H. E. McCollough sur.

W. A. Moyers et al to B. F. Grounds lot in Blue Ridge, $100.

W. J. Cavin to M. E. Church South lot in Princeton, $100.

C. M. Rucker and wife to J. A. Moreland ½ a, Carter T. Cleft sur, $130.

C. M. Rucker and wife to A. L. Mantooth tract in Carter T. Cleft sur, $300.

F. M. Thompson to Z Tennel 76¼ a, M. Birch and D. M. Farmer sur, $600.

W. A. Smith and wife to Silas Birdwell 30½ a, M. Mowry sur, $838.75.

G. A. Smith and wife to Jacob Birdwell 90½ a, M. Mowry sur, $2488.75.

A. L. Reneau to S. D. Thomas 23¾ a, Calvin Boles sur, $240.

Abe Enloe and wife to T. E. Furr 28¾ a, R. H. Locks sur, $1000.

W. C. Rutlege to W. A. Sanders 2 a in Melissa, $400.

W. F. Loyd to D.E. Ledbetter, John L. Terry sur, $1005.

J. H. Carson and wife to W. N. Bush 73½ a, William Perrine sur, $3675.

S. W. Wyatt and wife to J. H. Lane 42 9-10 a, John Davis sur, $1025.

J. I. Blalack and wife to L. D. Bowser lot in Plano, $275.

Bowser & Skiles to J. I. Blalack lot in Plano, $1000.

Farmersville.

7060 bales of cotton have been marketed in this city this season. Prices range from 6¼ to 7cts.

J. W. Worden & Co., lost $3900 in the Selby failure at Rockwall. Mr. Sowell thinks they will probably get ten cents on the dollar.

The fourth shoot between W. F. Norman of Greenville and K. M. Moore of this city was "pulled off" at Greenville, Wednesday, resulting in 88 out of the 100 for each, which leaves Norman one rock ahead in the total of 400 shots. The fifth and concluding event will be shot in a few days.

The scholastic population of Farmersville is 342 and the net apportionment of free school money is $1,350.90. This is 101 more than the scholastic population of Plano and makes our little city the second town in the county.

The clever assistant postmaster, D. L. Rike, is an applicant for the Farmersville postoffice. He has petitioned Cleveland with 1200 signatures and his many friends are quite hopful of his getting it.

Postmaster W. N. Merrett is circulating a petition for re-appointment at the hands of the McKinley administration. A. M. Connor says he's been strongly solicited to appy and may do so. In the meantime Mr. Chapman is hopeful of coming through all right before Cleveland goes out. —Farmersville Times.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

By local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflamation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars; free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Lebanon Siftings.

Lebanon, Tex., Nov. 23, 1896.

The little girl of Rev. Love of Allen had one of her eyes put out last week. She was at school and the children were playing with a wire, striking her in the eye, with the above sad result.

It is with sorrow we speak of the untimely death of Ed Bush in Allen last Friday. He had been traveling in New Mexico and western Texas for his health. Mr. Bush had been suffering with consumption for some time and arrived in Allen Thursday morning and was carried to his cousin Leslie Bush, where he died Friday at 1:50 o'clock. He was to have been baptised by immersion at 2 o'clock but he died before they could prepare a way to immerse him. He was very anxious to be baptised before he died. The deceased had hosts of friends and relatives to mourn his taking off. He was buried at Rowlett creek cemetery, Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. Eugene Morgan preaching the funeral.

Dick Williams of near Allen cut his foot badly recently.

Eli Spradley who had his leg broken recently is getting around again on crutches.

Ellis Bolin will live in our neighborhood another year.

Mr. McFarlin, while digging a well for George Young recently, was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs caused, supposedly, by going into the well too soon after a blast, from the effects of which he came near dying, but is some better at this time.

BIMET.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Whites Grove Whittlings.

Nov. 23, '96.

The farmers are all nearly done picking cotton at this writing.

Miss Mary Fraze, who is attenging school at Allen, was the guest of her mother Saturday and Sunday.

Ben Mallow and Miss Mollie Gaither were united in holy wedlock at the residence of the bride's father last Wednesday evening. Rev. McKinney officiated. We wish them a happy life.

John Herron and Mr. Thompson of McKinney attended church here Sunday.

Miss Lula Bailiff was shopping in McKinney one day last week.

Tom Boals and wife of Upper Rowlett visited Sim Parker and wife Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Hedgecoxe of Petersburg was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Perkins, Sunday.

Jim Bush and family attended church at Allen Sunday.

Henderson McMahan and Miss Lizzie Payne were married in McKinney last Wednesday evening.

Miss Lula McMahan was the guest of Mattie Bush one evening last week.

Baking cakes and cooking turkeys is all the go here. We learn that there are to be other weddings in our community before long.

Gabe Walker, who has been visiting his cousin, Mrs. Parker, returned home Saturday.

Claude Bennett visited Tom Millsted Friday night.

Arthur Melton of McKinney was in this neighborhood Sunday.

Bro. Love preached an excellent sermon for us Sunday.

Joe Bailiff was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Quinces Berry of Lebanon Saturday and Sunday.

Charlie Payne and Miss Sue Condor were united in holy wedlock Sunday at the residence of the bride's brother; Rev. Crouch of Allen officiated and a glorious dinner was given.

Miss Daisy Brown was shopping in McKinney Friday.

Miss Hattie Huey who is teaching school at Hilltown visited her mother Sunday.

Little Alvin Bryant is slowly recovering at this writing.

Misses Lula McMahan and Liza Shields were elected delegates to the Baptist Sunday school convention which is to be held at Plano, beginning Nov, 26 and continuing until Sunday.

Joe Williams of Wetsel moved into this community lately.

Charlie Moore of McKinney was mingling with friends here Sunday.

Bro. Murphy, our beloved pastor, preached an excellent sermon for us Saturday and Sunday. He preaches every 4th Sunday.

DEW DROPS.

Some years ago we met a middle-aged lady weighing about two hundred and fifty pounds, who informed us that she descended from "the Prince of Wales." We understood her to say that she descended from the prince of "whales," and thought the joke a good one, until on further conversation we found our mistake. —Dumb Animals.

$500 REWARD!

We Offer $500 Reward to anyone who can produce a better FLOUR than our famous PEERLESS.

This Flour is sold by all merchants and is POSITIVELY GUARANTEED to be equal to anything sold in the City of McKinney.

We think
It is Better,
Because our Friends
And customers Say So.

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Your Trade
On Flour.
This means YOU.

If Our Flour is not as represented
Send It Back, and your money
Will be Refunded.

Patronize Home Manufacturers.

All Flour Sold by us is made from wheat grown by the farmers of Collin County.

The way to build up HOME MANUFACTURIES is to patronize them.

Collin County Mill & Elevator Company.

W. W. McDOWELL,
P. L. WHITE.

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Worth Of Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Clothing, and Gents

Furnishing - Goods!

To be Sold At Prices That Can't be Duplicated.

These goods are all new and one of the best assorted Stocks in North Texas.

We Have what you Want; Call to see us at the

G. F. Bolton Place,

West side square. We shall be glad to show You these goods. Call to-day especially.

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Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Arrest disease by the timely use of Tutt's Liver Pills, an old and favorite remedy of increasing popularity. Always cures

SICK HEADACHE,

sour stomach, malaria, indigestion, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

TUTT'S Liver PILLS

R. R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.	
North bound. Cannon ball	5:21 a. m.
" No 3	9:22 a. m.
" No. 15	1:54 p. m.
" No 1	8:15 p. m.
South bound No 2	8:08 a. m.
" No. 16	11:12 a. m
" No 4	6:54 p.m.
" Cannon Ball	9:48 p. m.
EAST LINE.	
Passenger leaves.	11. 15 a. m.
Local "	2:50 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	5.03 p.m
Local "	10. 40 a. m.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

J. W. McCraw was in Dallas Friday.

Esq. L. L. Miller, of Farmersville, attended court here Monday.

Hon. and Mrs. Jno. Church visited in Farmersville last week.

Don't delay with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

W. T. Cox went over to Black Jack Grove on business Friday.

Attorney Clifton, of Farmersville, was here the latter part of last week.

Try us for your family recipes.
Smith Bros.

R. F. Trimble recently had a 14½ hands high mule stolen in Farmersville.

Farmersville will have a circus tomorrow. Bond Bros. will exhibit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. McCallon, of Wylie, were guests of County Supt. and Mrs. Shepherd last week.

Smith Bros. make extract vanilla from vanilla beans. That's the reason it's good.

Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Pardue, of Wylie, visited here last week. The Dr. was a witness in the Turner case.

The 8-year-old child of Rev. Fladger died Friday at Terrell and was buried at Kaufman.

Capt. J. H. Bingham has recently erected four new residences on his farms near McKinney.

The economical housewife buys her chamois skins of Smith Bros., the only drug store on the east side.

P. P. Graves, a carpenter, was slightly injured the other day in the fall of a scaffolding while building a house on Capt Bingham's farm south of town.

The J. W. Throckmorton camp U. C. V. will hold an important meeting in this city Saturday at 1 p. m.

WANTED—Salesman to sell complete line of lubricating oils, greases, varnishes, specialties, etc. Good opportunity for the proper party. Garland Refining Co., Cleveland, O.

Jesse Howard has not yet recovered the pocket book, containing $60 in currency, which he lost between Wilson creek and McKinney on the 11th inst.

You will never pay more for anything, and a great deal less for many things in our line, if you buy of us.
Smith Bros.

Misses Annie and Myrtie Burrus leave next week on a month's visit to Missouri relatives.

James McCreary, brotherinlaw of of Ben Estes, died at his home in South McAlister, Indian Territory, Friday. Mr. Estes was apprised of the sad news by wire the same day,

Buy Coffees of your grocer, silks of your dry goods man, but for pure drugs and the latest of everything remember Smith Bros.

G. W. Sperry and family have moved to the old Throckmorton farm near town.

The Democrat job office printed some neat report cards this week for Prof. W. W. Jones' use in his school at Cross Roads. As several teachers have had us print these monthly statements for them we conclude this system is found to be a good inspiration for better work among pupils in the school room.

Marriage Bells.

Licenses to wed issued by County Clerk Walden since our last report:

J. T. Ault and Miss Hattie L. Millican,
J. E. Wiley " Mrs. Bell Lawson,
Silas Morse " Miss Rachel McClary,
Thos. McCarley and Miss May Short,
G. C. Carson " " Adelia Howell,
T. M. Brice " " Ethel Lawless,
W. J. Crook " " Tennie Wilson,
Jno. Justice and Mrs. Mary Cardwell,
Archer Stovall " Miss Carrie V. Veayey
D. A. Warner " " Massie Shelton,
M. R. Circles " " Etta Shipman,
W. T. Perkins " " Martha Callihan,
Charles Payne and Mrs. Sue Condor,
J. D. Hix and Miss Susan Payne,
J. C. S. Shorter " " Jimmie McLaud,
P. M Bounds " " Lucy E. Thompson.

Easy fit means a good deal in a pair of jeans working pants. The BUCKSKIN BREECHES are not cut by guesswork; they are cut by men who know how to cut: they are stitched with care, and with the best thread, and the buttons are on to stay. They're the kind of working pants that fit and look well, and are sold for the same price as common goods.

Joshua Gotcher of Farmersville was a pleasant caller on the scribe Monday last. Mr. Gotcher has resided at Farmersville ever since 1850. His gray hairs show him to he a pioneer of Collin county and his career has won for him a reputation as a most honorable citizen. Long may he live to enjoy the love and esteem of his neighbors.

Our excuse for saying this is we have more whisk brooms than we need, we can sell you one so cheap you can afford to put one in every room.
SMITH BROS., East Side.

Another chair has been added to Ed & Will's tonsorial parlor on the north side. Olie Spaugh, an old Collin county boy but of late a popular Greenville barber, is in charge.

HEARTBUN,
WATER BRASH OR
ACID STOMACH
Often find relief through the use of Iodo Mint Charcoal Tablets. For sale by Smith Bros.

Many Wylie citizens were here last week and the early part of this attending the Turner trial.

If you had a few corns on your feet and you went bare-footed for three months they would disappear entirely. As big folks do not go bare-footed the next best thing is to go to SMITH BROS., and buy some kind of Corn Cure.

John Clifton leaves this week with his family for Cisco, Eastland county, Tex., to make his future home. Mr. Clifton sold his place six miles southeast of McKinney and goes where land is cheaper.

Miss Mattie White has accepted the position of cashier for McDowell & White's new dry goods firm.

Miss Wilson, of Sherman, is the guest of Miss Kate Page.

Ex-postmaster H. E. Smith was in Sherman Monday.

Mrs. B. F. Thompson of the Indian Territory, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. Orenduff.

Fairfield school is increasing in numbers and interest. Prof. Yarbrough enrolled his 100th pupil this week.

Will M. Gibson, of Weatherford, and W. D. Cook, of Reed, Texas, are here on business. Mr. Cook is a brother of John C. Cook, our fellow townsman.

We do not claim that the Esquimaux uses a hot water bottle, but he would if we were running a drug store in Greenland, because we would call his attention to our complete line of these goods. We are liable to have some Arctic weather this winter cold enough to make people think they are on an ice berg. It will be a good time then to think of our hot water bottles.
SMITH BROS.

District Court.

The following cases have been disposed of in the district court since our last report:

State vs Floyd Franklin, assault with intent to murder, guilty, given two years in penitentiary.

State vs W. A. Turner, embezzlement, not guilty.

State vs Jude Hogue, aggravated assault and battery, fine $250 and costs.

The court adjourned last evening until next regular session in the spring. Judge Dillard goes from here to Rockwall to hold court at that place.

No More Aching Joints.

The disease is cured, not merely relieved, but CURED permanently, if the medicine is used that goes to the seat of of trouble—the rheumatic acid in the blood. When this acid is once eradicated the cure is absolute, the disease cannot return.

LALLEMAND'S
SPECIFIC
FOR RHEUMATISM AND NEURALGIA.

will quickly get the acid out of the system. It is a powerful remedy, penetrates to every part of the body, destroying the rheumatic acid and conveying warmth, ease and strength to the aching bones and joints. Must be taken in drops only, yet it exercises the highest curative power.

PRICE $1.00 PER VIAL. Can be sent by mail.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., Prop's., St. Louis, Mo.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Big Bargains
IN
DRESS GOODS AND MILLINERY
AT THE
- *KENTUCKY STORE* -

Everything in these two Departments Must be sold in the Next 30 Days.

Nice All-Wool Dress Goods in all colors only 10c per yd.
Nice Novelty Dress Goods. Only 25c per yd, worth 50c.
Handsome all wool Novelty Dress Pattern only $2.50. Worth $4.00.

Price Cut in Two on All High Novelty Dress Goods

Now is the time to buy that New Dress. Come Early and Get First Choice.

REMNANTS - -

We have had a big trade in our Dress Goods Department this Fall, consequently we have a great many short lengths left. We have placed them all on the counter and marked a very low price on them.

They run from 1 to 4 yards in a piece. Just the thing for children's dresses.

MILLINERY

Our Millinery Department is loaded with Bargains. Everything new and nothing but the latest styles to sell you. You can't buy any old out of style goods from us. Keep up with the times by trading at the KENTUCKY STORE. Your neighbors trade with us. Why don't you come and Trade With Us?

Yours for Bargains,

C. L. YOUNG.

Miss Gibbons, of Gainesville, is the guest of Miss Ella Newsome.

Miss Pearl Stacy entertained a few of her friends Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Newsome celebrated the event of the occupation of their magnificent new residence Tuesday evening by entertaining a number of their friends. The spacious apartments of their beautiful home were brilliantly lighted and decorated, and for several hours thronged with delighted guests.

Sunday morning a burglar was discovered in Kendrick's Oyster Parlor and Confectionery, but escaped. Nothing was missed but a few cigars, some smoking tobacco and three or four quail out of the ice box. A mulatto negro named Oscar Renfro was arrested for the crime by Marshal Burks and had his examining trial yesterday before Mayor Pearson. We have not learned the result.

Mr. W. F. Perkins and Miss Martha Callahan, of Celina, were united in marriage on last Sunday evening at the home of the bride's father. Elder Haynes officiating.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

Honor Roll.

We are thankful to the following named gentlemen for subscriptions received recently:

B. F. Smotherman, C. C. Frost,
L. J. Plemmons, R. E. McAtee,
F. M. Sledge, John Edens,
R. D. Allison, H. C. Bennett,
T. C. Williams, J. W. Gray,
J. A. Barnett.

W. B. Largent Dead.

Sunday morning about 10 o'clock W. B. Largent, one of McKinney's oldest and wealthiest citizens, quietly breathed his last surrounded by his loving family. For several years he had been in declining health, and for some weeks past was confined to his bed. The deceased leaves a wife and several children, nearly all grown, and a number of relatives to mourn his death. Although his mind was of a religious bent and a man noted for honesty and uprightness as a citizen, he never made a public confession until two weeks prior to the time death relieved his soul from its frail tenement of clay, when he was baptized and taken into the church. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives followed his remains to the grave, Monday at 10 a. m. and witnessed all that was mortal of W. B. Largent consigned to its last, long sleeping place in the beautiful Pecan Grove cemetery. Eld. S. W. Crutcher conducted the ceremony, assisted by other pastors of the city.

W. E. Bostwick, foreman of the Gazette, visited his little daughter, Sunday who is in Buckner's Orphan Home.

Farmers, don't neglect to see Goostree & Houston when you want bargains in groceries—staple and fancy.

Jim Walker is now an employee in J. P. Dowell's large hardware establishment.

Thousands of cases of Consumption, Asthma, Coughs, Colds and Croup are cured every day by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

A runaway caused a slight commotion among the teams on the square Saturday afternoon, but no damage of consequence was done.

Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla imparts new life and energy to all parts of the body. Good as well for baby as for grand-father. 50 cents and 50 doses.

News reached here Saturday of the death of Ed Bush at Allen, which occurred Friday. The deceased had just returned from New Mexico where he had been for some time for his health. He was a son of Oliver Bush an early settler of this county and has many relatives and acquaintances in different parts of the county to mourn his untimely death.

For Dyspepsia and Liver complaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Officer Sam Yeary brought an old negro prisoner, charged with stealing, over from Farmersville Monday.

Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the blood and gives a clear and beautiful complexion. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Miss Vanna Belew returned last Wednesday from an extended canvassing trip in central Texas. She will begin her school at Pleasant Hill (South Church) next Monday.—Nevada Newsletter.

Ask your physician, your druggist and your friends about Shiloh's Cure Consumption. They will recommend it. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Teachers should remember their institute here Dec. 5 and attend, as an instructive program has been arranged. The Democrat published this program last week.

J. P. Dowell shipped a dozen turkeys to Buckner's orphans home at Dallas, together with a bucket of cranberries for Thanksgiving. Mr. Dowell is one of our typical generous hearted citizens who believe in helping those who need help.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair,
DR.
PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Junior O. U. A. M.

A council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics was organized in this city Tuesday night. A prospectus of the order states that it is "a loyal, patriotic organization, fraternal and beneficial, strictly non-partisan and non-sectarian" and the objects of the order are:

1. To maintain and promote the interests of Americans, and shield them from the depressing effects of foreign competition.
2. To assist Americans in obtaining employment.
3. To encourage Americans in business.
4. To establish a sick and funeral fund.
5. To maintain the public school system of the United States of America, and to prevent sectarian interference therewith, and uphold the reading of the Holy Bible therein.

Guard the kidneys; the health of the body depends on those small but important organs. They extract uric acid from the blood which if allowed to remain in the system would cause dropsy and Bright's Disease. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a successful kidney tonic, it heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion, cleanses the bowels. It will prevent or cure Bright's Disease. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Walker-Commons.

At the residence of the bride's parents on North Tennessee street last evening at 8 o'clock G. J. S. Walker and Miss Nannie Commons were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. J. H. Davies, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Only the relatives and a few close friends witnessed the nuptial ceremony that made this happy young couple one for the remainder of life. Both the contracting parties have chiefly grown up in McKinney where each is known and respected. The groom is a popular grocery clerk, in the store of J. M. Andrews. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Commons. Many congratulations were showered upon them, and numerous nice presents were received by the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Walker will be at home to their friends at their residence on South Wilcox street after Dec. 25.

Blood Filtering.

Impure blood is the cause of many of the diseases that afflict the body. When the kidneys are healthy the blood is cleansed of all waste matter and impurities, and it carries food, strength and energy to every part. If the kidneys are prostrated the impurities in the blood rapidly accumulates, decay, and turn to uric acid which poisons not only the vital organs but the very structure of the body itself, producing dropsy and Bright's Disease.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a successful kidney remedy. It heals and strengthens the suffering kidneys, cleanses the liver, assists the digestion and purifies the bowels, thus the functional processes are carried on properly, the blood is purified and healthy conditions prevail. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Consumption, La Grippe, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases are cured by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Hymenial.

At 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning George W. Taylor, of Waxahachie, and Miss Lola Wade were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's mother in this city. Rev. D. J. Martin, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. Only a few most intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. While the groom is a stranger in our city we understand he is one of Waxahachie's best young business men, and the bride has many well wishing friends in McKinney where she is known and esteemed. They go to their future home, Waxahachie, carrying with them the fondest hopes of all for a long life of wedded felicity.

RELIGIOUS.

The Collin County Sunday School convention convenes in Plano at 10 a. m. tomorrow. A large attendance is expected.

There will be services at the Catholic church on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 10 a. m. Rev. T. P. Maguin will conduct the services.

The cow boy preacher announces that he will begin a protracted meeting at Old Copeville on Saturday night before the 5th Sunday in November.

A protracted meeting is now in progress at the C. P. church. Rev. Jones of Gainesville is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wofford.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has stood the test for ten years! When any dealer tries to induce you to take some other make, you may know that it is some cheap compound on which he makes a larger profit. Every bottle of GROVE'S guaranteed. 2

That tired, languid feeling cured by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. 50 cents and 50 doses. Purifies the blood. Appetiser and strengthener.

Market Report.

	Nov. 26.
Cotton	6.50 to 6.95
Ear Corn	25 to 30
Wheat	90 to 95
Oats	25 to 27
Hay per ton	8.00
Beef Cattle per 100lbs	1.75 to 1.80
Fat Hogs per 100lbs	2.50 to 2.65
Butter per lb	15 to 20
Eggs per doz	12½ to 15
Sheep	2.00
Chickens per doz	1.75 to 2.00
Turkeys per doz	3.50 to 4.50
Cotton Seed per ton	9.00
Lard per lb	6½ to 7
Potatos sweet	50 to 60
Onions	1.15 to 1.20

TRADE WITH US

Here's some few reasons why we bid for your patronage.

50 New Capes for Ladies and Misses, From $1.50 up. New Goods. Stylish and Sure to Please.

All wool Flannel at ..... 12 1-2 cents
Good wool Jeans at ..... 20 cents

See the Fine Line of Woolen Dress Goods at 25c.

All wool filling Worsteds at ..... 5 cents
Good Dress Ginghams at ..... 5 cents
The best yard wide sea island at ..... 5 cents

Great Big Bargains in Mens and Boys Clothing

Think of a Man's Full Suit for Only $2.00

Boy's Suits at ..... 75 cents
Fine line of Men's Suits for $5.00
Regular $10.00 Suits at $7.50
Regular $15.00 Suits at $10.00
Men's good knit Undershirts only 25c.
See the 50c Undershirts.
See the 50c Overshirts.

Boots! Shoes! Boots! Shoes!

Good Solid Shoes For Good Solid People. No Old Goods, No Trash, but Shoes Made to Wear.

Ladies kid button Shoes 75
Childs kid button Shoes 25
Boys heavy Boots worth $1.25 for 75c
Men's heavy boots at any price you may want to pay.
250 pairs Ladies Fine Shoes, Regular price for $2.50 to $4.00. Choice of lot for $2.00.

Fall In With The Crowd - - Always Points To

The Mississippi Store,
McKINNEY, TEXAS.

Weak, pale and sickly women and children made healthy and rosy cheeked by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. 50 cents and 50 doses.

Window glass all sizes at City Drug Store.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a sure cure for Headache and nervous diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Mules For Sale.

Ten work mules, four years old past, for sale cheap; half cash, balance 12 months time. Call on John Martin, 6 miles northeast of McKinney.

Save Your Life

By using "THE NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

The rush of trade at Goostree & Houston's, the popular grocers on East Louisiana street, is occasioned by their large stock of the best and freshest groceries which are being disposed of at prices which meets the desire of the consumers both in and out of the city.

Health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. For sale by C. C. Provine.

The Democrat will be pleased to receive communications from every neighborhood in the county. Also news items of interest, personals, etc All anonymous matter will be ignored.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Notice.

All persons having keys to lock boxes at the McKinney postoffice are requested to return them to the postmaster within 30 days by an order from the second Asst. postmaster general. The order will be explained when key or keys are presented.

M. A. CAMERON, P. M.
McKinney, Tex., Nov. 19, '96.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

READERS if you want old papers to paste on walls or place under carpets you can get them at The Democrat office for 25cts per hundred.

The Nickle Store occupies the same old stand. Call and see

Goostree & Houston solicit a liberal share of the city trade.

Holiday Excursions To The South East via Iron Mountain Route.—
December 22 and 23, 1896.

Back to the old home so fraught with reminiscences of the happy scene of childhood days; back again with the old folks around the blazing logwood fire and through forks of flame and wreaths of smoke, let the imagination draw a picture of the separation of parent and child many years ago, reunited again.

To afford the good people of Texas an opportunity to experience the above conditions, the Iron Mountain Route will sell tickets from Texas points to points in the southeastern states at half rates for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 21 and 22, 1896, good to return thirty days thereafter. For full information call on or address company's agents of the International & Great Northern railroad, the Texas & Pacific railway, or Jno. C. Lewis, Traveling Passenger Agent, Iron Mountain Route Austin, Texas.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. Nov. 25, '96, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Allen Elizabeth Duncan May
Forkum W C Lain Mittie
Martin Florence Wilder Julie
Orneal Mattie Roberson Nandy
Roberson Florious Tucker Wallace
Swinter Bell Young E A
Hunter Miss

GENTLEMEN.

Oistest John Ball J W (2)
Bailing Ben M Bunk M A
Crane T M Clifton Wade
Crows Cliffa Dacling George
Kendall J P Ellis Denton
Foster F T Gidon Wales
Goodwin P Guyton J V
Harrington L M Hawkins George
Howard Dolf Hogue Za
Howorth W C Hunter W L
Walden R A Hall Ligé
Hall Allie Jorey Eliza
Jenkins A C Jeffries W T
Klipper A T (2) Johnson J w
Johnson Clem Layton C A
Louis J A Lorence Frank
McGehee Jerry McNeley David
Osberne Mr Rossetin John
Sanders Saige Stevens M
Sirley John Turnen M A
Smith Allen Woodall T T

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

MRS. M. A. CAMERON,
Postmisstress.

FOR SALE—A Columbia bicycle. A bargain. call at The Democrat office.

Wall paper, paints, oils and window glass at City Drug Store.

If you need your wagon scales repaired, or new ones built, call on R. V. Daughetee, B. 39, McKinney, Tex.

See J. H. Sneed for furniture, stoves, queensware, glassware, etc.

See J w Asbury for new second hand furniture

All the standard cough and la grippe medicines at City Drug Store.

when you want a nobby picture frame call on J H Sneed

Tinware and queensware at rock bottom prices at J w Asbury

Farmers, buy your groceries from Goostree & Houston.

Sewing machine needles at J H Sneed's

Why leave your rooms bare? You can buy wall paper from 5c a roll up at City Drug Store

All the leading cough preparations at Smith Bros.

You can save money by buying wall paper, paints, and glass at City Drug Store

Patent Star Oil for harness, saddles shoes and buggy tops makes a fine dressing strickly water proof. Manufactured by H. T. Brantley. Sold by Wallace & Everett, druggists; also at Central wagon yard, McKinney, Tex.

Go to Goostree & Houston's for groceries.

Fortify yourself for the season Dr Simmons's Sarsaparilla will correct all impure blood, giving health, life and happiness Only 50 cents and 50 doses

Anything in the grocery line at Goostree & Houston's. successors to W D Goostree—the same old stand

My expenses are small and so are my prices, J W Asbury

window glass cheap at City Drug Store

Suicide.

You can eat enough to kill yourself if you wish to do so at the Star Restaurant and it will only cost you the pitiful sum of 25cts. Respt.,
Thompson Bros., Proprs.

The Nickle Store continues to be the place for bargains

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

Constipation causes more than hafl the ills of women. Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant cure for constipation For sale by C. C. Provine.

Big Bargains.

In wall paper and paints for 30 days to reduce stock at City Drug Store.

Probate Notice.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Collin County:—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for three successive weeks in some news paper published in your county, the following notice:

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the guardianship of the estate of Nettie M. Calloway, Gertie Calloway and Jesse H. Calloway, minors; J. Bishop, guardian, has filed in the County Court of Collin County his application to be discharged as such guardian together with his final settlement of said estates, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 2d Monday in November, 1896, at the Court House thereof in the city of McKinney, at which time all persons interested in said guardianship may appear and contest said application if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of law and of this writ make due return. Issued the 13th day of November, 1896.

{SEAL} Witness J. A. Walden, clerk of said Court and the seal thereof, at office in the City of McKinney, this 13th day of November, 1896.

J. A. WALDEN, Clerk County Court Collin County.
By E. H. Keen, Deputy.

Probate Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } In the County
County of Collin. } Court.
To the December Term, 1896.

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Collin County:—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for twenty days previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county the following notice;

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the administration of the estate of H. H. Calloway, deceased, J. Bishop, administrator, has filed in the County Court of Collin County, his final settlement with said estate together with his application to be discharged as such administrator, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the 2d Monday in December, 1896, at the court house thereof, in the city of McKinney, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said report if they see proper

Herein fail not, under penalty of law and of this writ make due return. Issued the 13th day of November, 1896.

{SEAL} Witness J. A. Walden, Clerk of said court and the seal there of, at office in the city of McKinney, 13th day of December, 1896.

J. A. WALDEN, County Clerk, Collin County, Texas.
By E. H. Keen, Deputy.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. Box 317, Waco, Texas
READ THIS.
Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.

I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public.
A. L. STRONG.
Sold by Smith Bros.

PERSONAL.

FREE—64-page medical reference book to any person afflicted with any special, chronic or delicate disease peculiar to their sex. Address the leading physicians and surgeons of the United States, Dr. Hathaway & co., 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas.

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CASTORIA
A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of
INFANTS CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral.
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Pumpkin Seed -
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A perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.
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At 6 months old
35 DOSES - 35 CENTS
EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

SEE
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Chas. H. Fletcher.
IS ON THE
WRAPPER
OF EVERY
BOTTLE OF
CASTORIA
Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get C-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.
I am now prepared to furnish a limited number of settings of eggs from these famous winter layers, at
$2.00 PER SETTING OF 13.
I have secured the best specimens of the breed, and can now show birds in my yard of the great Felch and Griswold strains. Have no other breed on my place.
During the past year my birds have won a number of prizes: "ISAAC," imported by me direct from Felch, won first at Galveston: score 93½. I have also added another fine bird—OLD CHIEF"—to my yard. I purchased him from Randolph, at Austin. He has rarely ever failed to win first in the show ring.
J. S. DOWELL.
McKinney, Texas.
Young stock now for sale. 49

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THE MKT AND
MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS RAILWAY
TRAINS ON THE
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.. RAILWAY ..
Now Run Solid
TO....
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AND
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SOLID TRAINS
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Rates, Maps, and full information will be cheerfully given upon application.
A. A. GLISSON, S. G. WARNER,
T P A., Fort Worth. G. P. A. Tyler, Tex.

A Christmas Trip.

The thousands of Texans who came from the South Atlantic States find much pleasure in reverting to the happy days of long ago when they were children, and often they awake at night to recall those scenes of yore which gave to life a charm, and which now come in later years as visions of joy. There is a tender spot in every heart for the old home, and the memories which cluster about the dear old spot are solaces in the weary, weary struggle we make day by day to build in our new Eldorado a home to which our children in future time will turn, as we turn now to the old place where our loved ones in the evening of life await the final summons.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company again offers you the opportunity to go "back to the old home." Round trip excursion tickets will be on sale from all points on the system on Dec. 21st and 22nd, 1896, to points in the Southeastern State, at one fare for the round trip, tickets good 30 days from date of sale. See your nearest ticket agent for further information, and do not fail to send eight cents postage to the undersigned for a copy of the finest publication on Texas ever issued, to show to your friends at home. GASTON MESLIER,
G. P. & T. A., Dallas, Tex.

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SHERMAN, SHREVEPORT & SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO.
Through Service between McKinney and Jefferson.
Two daily trains. Tickets sold via route to points North, East, South or West. Connection with the Houston & Texas Central at McKinney, Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Cotton Belt at Greenville, and Texas & Pacific at Jefferson.
For further information apply to your local agent or address
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J. W. CHATHAM, G. F. & P. A. Greenville, Texas.
W. N. COLLIER, Local Agent.

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SOLID VESTIBULED TRAINS.
FAST TIME.
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THROUGH SLEEPERS.
Call on your nearest Ticket Agent for further information, or address,
T. M. Hunt, T. P. A., Dallas, Texas.
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I. Hardy, G. P. A. New Orleans, La.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS
TO
THE SOUTH-EAST.
Now is the time to think of Christmas at The Old Homestead. On DECEMBER 21 and 22, 1896, the SANTA FE ROUTE will sell Excursion Tickets from all points on its lines in Texas and Indian Territory, to all points in
Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia,
Also to certain points in Kentucky and Florida, to be announced later. Rate will be ONE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP, and tickets will be LIMITED TO 30 DAYS for return. Think it over and if you want any further information see a SANTA FE agent, or address,
W. A. DEEHAN, General Passenger Agent, Galveston.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Of Methodist Church South at Paris —Assignment of Preachers for Next Year.

The North Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, closed its labors at Paris last week and adjourned to meet in Dallas next year.

On account of the crowded condition of this conference the names of J. R. Warlick, Robert McCarter, N. W. Gollihue and Marvin Coppage, who were admitted on trial, were withdrawn by their presiding elders, and these gentlemen will have to apply to some other conference if they wish to preach the gospel.

A resolution of thanks was tendered the people of Paris for the hospitality they had extended to the delegates.

Secretary C. I. McWhirter was authorized to have the minutes published, and Rev. J. M. Nichols was authorized to assist him. Secretary McWhirter acknowledged the receipt of a beautiful pen, the gift of the conference, and thanked them in a few well chosen words.

The following are the appointments for the ensuing year:

Dallas district—R. M. Powers, presiding elder; First church, G. C. Rankin, Ervay street, L. P. Smith; Haskell avenue, W. P. Harris; Floyd street, S. Crutchfield, W. H. Hughes. superintendent: Trinity, C. M. Harless; Oak Lawn, W. F. Bryan; Oak Cliff, T. A. Morris; Cedar Hill and Duncanville, L. A. Hanson; Wheatland and Lancaster, I. J. Coppage; Hutchins mission, P. A. Edwards; Crand Prairie mission, J. R. Atchley; Argyle circuit, C. M. Suffler,; Denton, O. S. Thomas; Plano, G. S. Sexton; Renner, A. W. Gibson; Lewisville, J. A. Wyatt; West Dallas mission, E. R. Edwards; Southwestern university, J. H. McLean regent, John Allen professor; Editor Christian Advocate, T. R. Pierce.

Terrell district—C. B. Fladger, presiding elder. Terrell station, J. F. Pierce; Kaufman, W. B. Patterson; Rockwall, D. F. Fuller: Fate, W. A. Edwards; Cochrin and Caruth, W. H. Stephenson; Garland, M. A. Smith: Wylie circuit, N. C. Little; Mesquite. J. M. Nichols; Pleasant Mound, T. M. Kirk; Forney, T. J. Beckham; Chisolm D. T. Brown: Terrell circuit. S. C. Davis: Kemp, A. R. Nash; Crandall, J. B. Minnis,

Greenville district—I. S. Ashburne, presiding elder; Wesley station, F. A. Rosser; Kavanaugh station, E. H. Casey; Farmersville, J. F. Alderson; McKinney, D. J. Martin; Weston, B. H. Bounds; Bethel, E. S. Williams: Merit and Harral chapel, J. H. White; Nevada, C. I. McWhirter; Floyd, R. H. Fields; Blue Ridge, J. B. Adair; Kingston, S. W. Miller; Lone Oak, I. S. Smith; Anna, J. S. Graves; Quinlan, J. M. Langston; Neola, C. A. Carry; Allen circuit, S. L. Ball.

Sulphur Springs district—W. M. P. Rippey, presiding elder; Sulphur Springs station, J. M. Sweaton: Riley Springs, B. A. Thomason; Sulphur Bluff, S. M. Ownby; Mount Vernon, J. W. Clifton; Commerce, E. B. Thompson; Cooper, J. E. Roach; Fairlee, J. T. Bludworth; Campbell, J. W. Beckham; Cumby circuit, W. T. Morrow; Winsboro, O. C. Fontaine; Como circuit, G. W. Glanville; Wolfe City, S. A. Ashburne; Celeste and Lane, J. J. Clark; W. Hay. superintendent; Leonard, J. M. Hunter; Bailey W. B. Bayless.

Paris district—W. D. Mountcastle, presiding elder; Paris centenary, J. A. Black; Paris, Lamar avenue, J. M. Peterson; Emberson, I. M. Woodward; Roxton, G. H. Adams; Blossom and Reno, R. C. Hicks; Marvin circuit, R. S. Gorslin; Rosalie, S. P. Pirtle; Deport, R. N. Brown; Woodland, W. M. Robbins; Detroit, E. G. Roberts; Clarksville, C. E. Lamb; Annona J. L. Sullivan, White Rock and McKenzie W. H. Wright, Lake Creek P. G. Huffman, Maxey J. P. Rodgers, Powderly N. G. Ozmit.

Bonham district—J. W. Clark presiding elder, Bonham station J. L. Morris, Bonham circuit J. B. Gober, South Bonham M. W. Sherrer, Gober H. M. Pirtle, Dodd City T. E. Sherwood, Honey Grove J. E. Vinson, Petty P. R. Eaglebarger, White Rock Z. B. Pirtle, Ladonia C. M. Threadgill, Ben Franklin L. L. Naugle, Brookston I. A. Thomas. Randolph S. Weaver, Trenton and Marvin J. W. Bludworth. Lannius W. A. Coppage, Fannin M. D. Hill, student to Southwestern university M. P. Hines.

Sherman district—J. R. Wages presiding elder, Sherman Travis street E. W. Alderson, Sherman Willow street C. H. Garrett, Sherman circuit J. H. Reynolds, Bells J. F. Archer, Van Alstyne A. F. Hendricks, Denison N. B. Reed, Denison and Preston E. L. Spurlock, Pottsboro C. B. Carter, Gordonville L. F. Palmer, Collinsville L. S. Barton, Whitesboro station S. C. Riddle, Whitesboro circuit W. H. Brown. Pilot Grove B. H. Webster, Whitewright J. A. Stanford, Howe Lawrence Reynolds,

Gainesville district—J. M. Binkley presiding elder, Gainesville Denton street J. W. Hill, Gainesville Broadway street W. A. Stuckey, Nacona circuit G. F. Boyd, Pilot Point P. L. Smith, Woodbine R. F. Bryant, Dexter T. B. Norwood, Marysville T. J. Minnis, Era and Valley View W. E. Jordan M. C. Blackburn superintendent, Rosston I. C. Weaver, Bonita and Illinois J. R. Smith, Denton J. W. Blackburn, Aubrey W. K. Strother, Mountain Springs M. M. Dunn, Greenwood J. W. Sincher, Belcher J. D. Hudgins, Dye Mound W. C. Pryor, Spanish Fort D. A. Williams.

Bowie district—F. O. Miller presiding elder, Bowie station W. M. Leatherwood, Decatur P. C. Archer, Bellevue H. H. Vaughan, Decatur circuit M. B. Johnson, Rhome W. S. May, Boonsville, J. B. Whitehead, Sunset A. R. Sellers, Crafton H. E. Smith, Chico W. B. Walker, Alvord W. F. Clark, J. W. Murphy superintendent, Post Oak J. A. Kerr, Henrietta J. W. Rowlett, Witchita Falls R. G. Mood. Iowa Park and Beaver C. C. Williams, Holliday Atticus Webb, Archer City A. H. Hussy, Benvanue J. E. Crutchfield, Blue Grove J. P. Lowrey, Jacksboro and Gibtown H. L. Jameison J. H. Bass superintendent, Bryson and Salt Hill J. B. Sims, Boyd John Moore, mission secretary I. S. Ashburn.

Joint board of finance—Clerical, P. S. Smith, W. A. Edwards, E. H. Casey, E. B. Thompson, C. E. Lamb, J. B. Gober, A. F. Hendricks, J. C. Weaver, H. E. Smith. Laymen, B. M. Burgher, J. W. Reeder, R. C. Dial, J. A. Weaver, W. M. Huddle, C. B. Jennings, H. N. Tuck, S. R. Lane, J. H. Matthews.

Visiting committees—To Southwestern university, I. S. Ashburn, J. L. Morris, J. F. Pierce. To North Texas female college, J. A. Black. F. A. Rosser, W. A. Stuckey. To the Honey Grove high school. C. M. Threadgill, E. B. Thompson, G. S. Sexton.

Transfers—To East Texas conference W. W. Graham, J. B. Turentine, A. S. Whitehurst, T. J. Milam, B. T. Hays. To the Texas conference, W. W. Harner. To the West Texas conference, J. A. Lowe.

Why Not Spend the Holidays at Home?

The M. K. & T. R'y offers Low Rates and a Comfortable Journey to all Points in the Southeastern States. Round trip tickets will be sold on December 21st and 22nd, good for return thirty days from date of sale.

Special Trains of palace Day Coaches and Free Reclining Chair Cars, will be run through to important points in the Southeast via Memphis.

Call on or write M. K. & T. Ticket Agents for rates and schedule of trains before purchasing your tickets, or write to the undersigned, who will cheerfully furnish all information.

W. G. CRUSH,
G. P. & T. A., M. K. & T. R'y.,
Dallas, Texas.

Calamity City.

Climax, Tex., Nov. 14, '96.

Joe Curtis of Greenville paid our town a visit recently.

Mr. Seals of Floyd was the guest of Mr. Duke Sunday.

Dr. E. F. Wright of Culleoka visited homefolks last week.

Mr. Williams and his bride of Woodlawn were the guests of Mr. Johns and family last week.

Harvey Willis left Friday for his old home in Birmingham, Alabama.

Robert Caldwell and family visited relatives near Rowlett Sunday.

Mr. Williams of Nevada was the guest of Dr. R. L. Davis last week.

Henry Slater and family of Whites Grove were mingling with old friends here last week.

Mr. Foy and wife of Princeton were in our midst last Sunday.

Hugh Quillan and wife have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Alabama.

We are sorry to note that Dr. Charlie Hayes is very sick at his father's home two miles east of Climax.

M. W. Lyons and family visited relatives near Farmersville Sunday.

Luke Recer and family of Johnson were in our midst Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Caldwell and little sons, Gibbie and Roy, were visiting in Climax Saturday.

The singing at Mr. Duke's Sunday night proved to be an enjoyable occasion for those who had the pleasure of attending.

Messrs McWilliams and Strong of Farmersville were mingling with our young people Sunday.

Will Stanford of Copeville visited homefolks Sunday.

Miss Etta Curtis was the guest of her uncle, Mr. Aron Curtis, last Sunday.

HAZEL EYES.

Don't Miss the Opportunity to Visit the Old Home.

The M. K. & T. R'y (The Katy) will have special trains and Through Cars to important points in the Southeast and will sell Round Trip tickets at the One Way Rate on December 21st and 22nd, limited for return to thirty days from date of sale.

M. K. & T. will quote rates and give full information as to time and connections on application or you can write to

W. G. CRUSH.
G. P. & T. A., M. K. & T. R'y,
Dallas, Texas.

Will You Go This Year?

EXCURSION TICKETS will be on sale December 21st and 22nd from H. & T. C. Stations to points in Ala., Miss., Tenn., Ky., Georgia, North and South Carolina, Va. and Fla. at one fare for the Round Trip. Tickets good 30 days. Purchase your tickets via Houston and New Orleans.

H. L. ROBBINS, G. P. & T. A.
C. W. BARR, Traffic Manager.

COLLIN'S OFFICIALS.

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M. college at Bryan from which he graduated with first honors in the class of '89. Upon graduating he went with the state geologist on an engineering trip to West Texas and New Mexico. His health failing Mr. Shirley returned to his father's farm near Melissa. In October, 1893, he was appointed by the commissioners court to fill out the vacancy caused by S. P. Clardy's resignation and in 1894 was nominated by the democrats and elected by a big majority. He was renominated last June and re-elected at the polls this month by a majority of 3300. He is a son of A. L. Shirley, one of the county's most substantial farmers, and a brother of the late Z. M. Shirley, an attorney of this city. Mr. Shirley is a member of the Christian church and unmarried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Hon. T. F. Mangum, county attorney, born in Dallas Co., Alabama in 1863. He was educated at the A. and M. college of his native state. Preparing himself for the practice of law he was admitted to the bar before the supreme court of Alabama in 1885, and the same year came to Texas and located in McKiney where he flung his shingle to the breezes. The only offices he has filled are the city attorneyship of McKinney, which he held one term, and the office in which he is now entering upon his third term, and to which he has been elected each time without opposition. Mr. Mangum is a good speaker and his voice is heard in each campaign in behalf of his party. His parents still reside in Alabama, Rev. T. F. Mangum a Southern Methodist preacher, his father, being at present presiding elder of the Montgomery district. Robt. H. Mangum, a younger brother, also resides here and has just been admitted to the bar at the present term of the district court and is one of the assistant county attorneys. Mr. Mangum was married in 1891 to Miss Alice Fitzhugh of this city, and is an Odd Fellow and a K. of P.

REPRESENTATIVES.

J. L. Greer, one of the retiring representatives, is an Alabamian, being born in Chambers county in that state Oct. 27, 1836. He graduated from the Oglethorpe university, Georgia, and prepared himself for teaching. He served four years in the army of Virginia, being captured at Spottsylvania May 10, 1864. Coming to Collin county in 1866 he engaged in teaching for six years and then farmed near Anna where he owns a fine black land farm. He never held office until elected to the 23rd legislature. As one of the nominees of the democratic party he was elected in 1892, and re-elected in 1894, serving on the committees on finance, agriculture and claims and accounts. Upon the expiration of his two terms in the legislature he voluntarily retires to give his attention to his farming interests. Mr. Greer is married, has two children and lives in McKinney. He is a devoted menber of the Presbyterian church and a Mason.

T. Frank Vaughan was born Nov. 29, 1860, in Jonesville, Lee county, Virginia, and commenced work at his trade, which is that of a shoemaker, in his 14th year. In his 19th year he moved to Missouri, coming to Texas in 1866, residing in Farmersville for the past eight years. He followed his trade nearly all the time until 3 years ago since which time he has been a boot and shoe merchant of his town. Mr. Vaughan has always felt a keen interest in political affairs and is a strong adherent of the democratic party. Receiving the nomination in the primary last June for one of the local representatives of Collin county he was elected by a majority of 1923 at the general election, after making an earnest canvass. he together with Hon. Frank E. Wilcox, will represent us in the 25th legislature.

Frank E. Wilcox, who was elected as one of the representatives from this county, was born in 1865 near Rowlett creek church, this county, and is a son of J. M. Wilcox the venerable McKinney lumberman. His mother was Miss Nancy H. Throckmorton, daughter of Dr. Throckmorton and a sister of the lamented ex-governor J. W. Throckmorton. Mr. Wilcox attended the common schools for awhile and then entered the state university of Missouri where he remained until the middle of his senior year when sickness compelled him to give up his studies. He afterwards graduated from the law school of the state university at Austin. He has served as aldermon, treasurer and city attorney of McKinney but never turned his entire attention to the practice of law. He is now engaged in the grocery business under the firm name of Wilcox & Rogers. Upon the resignation of N. E. Peak from the democratic ticket as nominee for representative Mr. Wilcox consented to allow his name to go on the ticket to fill the vacancy, and though he only became a candidate less than one week prior to the election, he led most of his county ticket and was elected by a big majority. He has a wife and one child and is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

SENATOR.

Senator-elect James R. Gough was born twelve miles southwest of McKinney, Dec. 31, 1860, and was the son of A. B. Gough who was killed in Louisiana while in the confederate service in 1864. Mr. Gough had very little educational advantages, such only as the public schools afford, and then attending them only a very few months. He engaged in farming until 1886 when he defeated J. W. Gray and Joe Wilkins for justice of the peace precinct No. 1, and moved to McKinney. He was re-elected in 1888, being admitted to the practice of law the same year. Upon the expiration of his second term as justice of the peace he was nominated by the democrats and elected in 1890 to the legislature to which body he was returned at the succeeding elections of 1892 and 1894. In the 23d legislature he was chairman of the committee on education and drew the present school law. He was still further honored in this legislature with the chairmanship of the committee on rules, which gave him the prestige of parliamentarian on the floor of the house. In the 24th legislature he came out of the speakership race with second honors and as chairman of judiciary committee No. 2, signed the report on the now famous prize fight bill. He was unanimously given the nomination for state senator from the 5th district, composed of Hunt and Collin counties this year, by his party and defeated his opponent at the polls by a majority of 4992. In 1887 Mr. Gough married Miss Mary Andrews, daughter of the late Judge W. H. Andrews, and has three children.

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Insurance and annuities in force	$899,074,453.78
Net gain in 1895	$61,647,645.36

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INSURANCE IN FORCE.

	Dec. 31, 1894.	Dec. 31, 1895.		
Mutual Life	24,581,452	$28,546,932	GAIN	$3,965,480
N. Y. Life	26,768,971	24,555,317	Loss	2,213,654
Equitable	22,787,877	20,535,948	Loss	2,251,929

NEW BUSINESS.

	1894.	1895.		
Mutual Life	$3,433,196	$8,074,960	GAIN	$4,641,764
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